

2026 Fort Knox Civilian (Tier 3) Archery Season Application Procedures

All persons wishing to hunt or fish on the installation MUST create an iSportsman account and utilize that account to apply for lotteries, reserve, check-in/out of areas, as well as acquire the appropriate permits for the activity desired. All civilian hunters (Tier 3) that **DO NOT** wish to hunt on the last 3 weekends during the first phase of the archery season (*31 Oct-1 Nov, 7-8 Nov, and 14-15 Nov*) **DO NOT** need to submit an application for archery deer hunting. You will only need to acquire the General Archery Deer permit via iSportsman beginning 1 September and follow the Archery Deer Hunting Guidelines. **Due to high demand for hunting areas on some weekends, lotteries will be conducted to select Tier 3 hunters that wish to hunt on 31 Oct-1 Nov, 7-8 Nov, or 14-15 Nov.** NO MORE THAN ONE LOTTERY CAN BE WON. ENTERING ANOTHER LOTTERY AFTER BEING SELECTED WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES. **A \$5 non-refundable fee will be implemented for each individual lottery weekend application.**

If you do not apply for one of the high demand weekend lotteries you will NOT be eligible to hunt 31 Oct-1 Nov, 7-8 Nov, or 14-15 Nov because you can only hunt one of these weekends if drawn. DO NOT APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL LOTTERIES AFTER WINNING ONE. This will result in suspension of privileges. The list below identifies the times and dates that applications must be submitted to be considered in the drawing for each of the three lottery weekends. You should note that the weekends are not listed in date order but are being conducted based on past hunter preference. Hunters are reminded that once you are drawn for a weekend there is no swapping of lottery weekends permitted. It is imperative that you only apply for weekends that you can hunt at Fort Knox. **ALL properly permitted archery hunters that have not reached the archery deer bag limit, are eligible to hunt all open days 12 September-30 October and WEEKDAYS 2 November through 16 November (except Tuesdays).** Only winners of a specific lottery weekend will be eligible to hunt their selected weekend. NOTE: All times are Eastern Time.

Archery Weekend Dates	Application begins	Application deadlines	Fee
7-8 November	8/3/2026 10:00	8/10/2026 8:00	\$5
31 October- 1 November	8/10/2026 10:00	8/17/2026 8:00	\$5
14-15 November	8/17/2026 10:00	8/24/2026 8:00	\$5

Process to apply for archery deer hunt weekend lotteries:

1. Ensure that you have a properly created iSportsman account. Ensure all information in the account is correct.

2. Decide if you wish to, or are able to, hunt one of the weekends in the table above. If so, go to number 3; if not, buy General Archery Deer permit on or after 1 September.
3. Find the application deadlines for the weekend you wish to hunt in date order.
4. Log into your account and apply by the deadlines identified for the earliest lottery application period that you wish to hunt at ftknox.isportsman.net. Applying for a weekend lottery is \$5 for each application.

IMPORTANT: If you apply to hunt 7-8 Nov you should not apply for any subsequent lottery until you receive an email or determine the selection status in your account regarding your result of the lottery drawing. IF YOU ARE SELECTED, DO NOT APPLY FOR ANY FURTHER WEEKEND LOTTERIES. Entering another lottery after being selected for a weekend will result in suspension of privileges.

5. Hunters may apply as a group of up to 5 persons. Hunters that are under 16 years of age must not apply for the lottery, they need only acquire the 2026 Youth Combo Children under 16 Permit and accompany an adult hunter (21 and over) that is drawn for the lottery weekend.
6. Whichever hunter in a group applies first will select “yes” when asked if hunting in a group (creating a group). A group hunt code will be issued at checkout that will need to be given to the other hunters of the group to be entered when they apply for that lottery. They should select the “joining a group” option and enter the group code supplied by the first applicant. Each person (iSportsman account) in the group must create an entry. Each weekend lottery above is a separate and distinct event and requires a separate entry by each hunter. **Each lottery will have a different group hunt code, so once a group is entered dispose of that hunt code, because it is NOT valid for another lottery.**
7. iSportsman generated emails will be sent regarding successful or unsuccessful lottery results for each drawing on the date of each deadline. It is very important that your default email address in your account is accurate to receive the email notification. Status can also be checked in your iSportsman account after the drawing is completed (approximately 1000 the day after the application deadline for that lottery). Please be patient, we will get the drawings done and notifications posted in your account or by email in plenty of time for you to apply for a successive drawing. Applying early during each lottery application period has no bearing on improving your chances of getting selected.

- a. Successful result of lottery application – Carefully read information supplied or directions given in email regarding purchasing permit.

b. Unsuccessful – Please apply for the next weekend lottery that you wish to hunt if you desire, until weekends are exhausted or you are successfully selected.

Follow instructions for reserving, checking into and out of areas daily, and telechecking harvested animals as detailed in the 2026 Archery Deer Hunting Guidelines. These will be available beginning 1 September under the Guidelines tab on the iSportsman site or at the Hunt Control Office.

We wish you luck and are pleased to have you visit Fort Knox and enjoy our high quality Natural Resources!